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Sir,

I have the honour, on the instructions of my Government, to transmit enclosed herewith the text of the Statement of the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria of October 23, 1962 on the aggressive actions of the Government of the United States of America against the Republic of Cuba with a request that it be distributed as an official document of the United Nations.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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His Excellency U Thant
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On October 22 the President of the United States, Mr. Kennedy, in a speech over the radio and television made a statement without a precedent in peacetime, a statement directed against Cuba, a peaceloving country and member of the United Nations. At the same time the President announced a number of military measures whose consequences are an open threat to peace not only in the Caribbean but in the whole world.

Violating in a gross manner the accepted norms of International Law and the principles of the United Nations Charter the Government of the United States of America in fact proclaimed a complete blockade of the Republic of Cuba and assumed the right to interfere in the domestic affairs of other countries and to dictate its will.

Dispatches from the United States show that the open threats of President Kennedy are accompanied by practical military preparations. The United States armed forces in the whole world and especially in the Caribbean have been put on the alert. The United States Guantanamo base in Cuba has been considerably strengthened.

The armed forces of the United States allies in various parts of the world are being put in battle readiness under United

States pressure.

No reasonable man can believe that small Cuba poses any threat to the United States, a country armed to the teeth. Therefore, it is clear to everybody that the actions of the United States Government are dictated by their wish to change through force the regime which is not advantageous to them, a regime established by the Cuban people in their country.

Under the alarming circumstances that have arisen the Soviet Government, with its statement of October 23, once again appealed to the leaders of the United States to show prudence and sober assessment of the eventual consequences of their aggressive actions.

Unmasking the provocative actions of the United States the Soviet Government warns against the danger of a world thermonuclear war and appeals to all Governments to bar the way of war.

The Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria voicing the feelings and will of the Bulgarian people and true to its peaceloving policies issues a most decisive protest against the arbitrary decisions of the United States Government, decisions that are not justified by anything, decisions to the effect that all ships and aircraft on their way to Cuba must be stopped and searched and even fired upon. Such actions of United States brass acts differ in no way from the actions of pirates. Using piratical methods in its relations with the other sovereign countries the Government of the United States is playing with fire and poses a serious danger to peace not only in the Caribbean but in the whole world.

No Government and no people who respect their own dignity will bow their head to the gross dictates of the Government of the United States.

The Bulgarian people have always taken and will take the side of the freedom-loving and heroic Cuban people and consider it an irrevocable right of every people, the Cuban people included, to choose for themselves their social and political system, to arrange themselves their internal affairs.

Cuba is not alone! With her are and will be all freedom-loving peoples, all Governments who are in favour of preserving the peace, the freedom and the sovereignty of every country.

The Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria fully supports the Declaration of the Soviet Government of October 23 and appeals to all Governments, who hold dear the cause of peace, to condemn the aggressive measures of the United States and to insist that they be called off without delay.

Taking into consideration the genuine threat to peace that has arisen as a result of the perfidious actions of the United States imperialism the Bulgarian Government gave instructions to its delegation in the United Nations to insist that the question of ^{the} violation of the United Nations Charter and the threat to peace on the part of the United States be discussed immediately.

At the same time the Bulgarian Government cannot fail to take into account the fact that the United States and their allies have begun practical actions in preparation of war. In connection

with that the Bulgarian Government gave instructions for raising the defence capability of the country and for putting its armed forces in a state of battle readiness. In these hours full of alarm for mankind the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria completely shares the anxiety of the peoples for the preservation of peace and voices its hope that inspite of all sanity will prevail and the forces of peace will bar the way of the firebrands.